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Dear Air Board-

During my career with the CIA, I have seen a lot of crazy things. And throughout the many years I have lived in this community I have never seen anything that makes less sense than what our City Council has been trying to do over the past few years.

Spending valuable time and tax payers dollars in an effort to close down the Potomac River Generating Station rather than allow them to make the improvements they have applied for is not productive in the least. Instead, they should allow Mirant to invest in these improvements that will allow them to continue providing the services they have for almost 60 years. They will not only continue adding much needed energy into our grid, but will do so in a way that improves the quality of air in Alexandria. Considering they provide enough energy to power more than 480,000 homes, that's no small thing.

Tell the City Council it is time to heed the recommendations of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and approve this project instead of trying to further their own political agendas. The community needs this plant and the Council needs to stop wasting our time and money.

Sincerely,

Martin Niklewski